



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

March 3, 2009

The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**APPROVE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR A FITNESS ZONE INSTALLATION
GRANT AWARDED TO THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND
(FIRST DISTRICT - 3 VOTE MATTER)**

SUBJECT

These actions will approve changing the location of a Trust for Public Land Parks for People Fitness Zone Installation Project from the San Gabriel Spreading Grounds in Pico Rivera to Amelia Mayberry County Park in the unincorporated area south of Whittier.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons cited herein.
2. Approve the change in location for a Trust for Public Land Parks for People Fitness Zone Installation project from the San Gabriel Spreading Grounds in Pico Rivera to Amelia Mayberry County Park in the unincorporated area south of Whittier.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Trust for Public Land to change the project location for its previously approved project to install a fitness zone. On February 19, 2008 your Board approved the allocation of \$150,000 of Competitive Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District to the Trust for Public Land for the installation of five fitness zones adjacent to existing greenways and trails along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. One of these zones was to be installed at the San Gabriel Basin Spreading Grounds in the City of Pico Rivera.

The Trust for Public Land requests approval to change the location of the San Gabriel Basin Spreading Grounds project to Amelia Mayberry County Park in the unincorporated area south of Whittier. More users would have access to the equipment at Mayberry Park and County staff would provide maintenance and security for the fitness zone that would not be available at the Spreading Grounds in Pico Rivera.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal No. 1 (Service Excellence), Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-being), and Goal No. 6 (Community Services), by approving the change in the project location to enhance fitness opportunities in the First Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$150,000 is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The grant is being funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for competitive projects.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide governs the administration of this grant.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement was entered into and is administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreement was approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will enhance fitness opportunities in the unincorporated area of Whittier in the First Supervisorial District.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All public agency projects funded by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the project. The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District is the lead agency for grants to non-profit organizations including the Trust for Public Land (TPL). The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Sections 15303 and 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3 and 4 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves new construction of small structures and minor alterations to land.

The proposed administrative actions are not subject to CEQA in that the actions do not meet the definition of a project according to Sections 15378 (b)(4)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, because the actions are administrative activities for government grants which by their terms do not involve any commitments at this time to any specific projects which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
County Counsel